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Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know from the hon. the Home Member whether it is not a fact that there is a general grievance against this Publication Assistant in the Press and whether it has not been brought to the notice of the Government and what action have they taken so far ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :— " I do not know, Sir, whether there is any general impression against him or not."

Alleged receipt of salary from the Government Press Co-operative Society by one Ramanujachari.

*758-C Q.—Dr. B. S. Mallayya : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether the present cash-keeper, one Ramanujachari, a life member of the Government Press Party, is receiving a monthly salary of Rs. 30 from the Government Press Employees' Co-operative Society of which the Publication Assistant is the President, without proper sanction being obtained from Government, and if so, why ?

A.—The cash-keeper T. A. Ramanujachari is not receiving Rs. 30 per mensem from the Government Press Employees' Co-operative Society without proper sanction.

Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—" About this Ramanujachari drawing Rs. 30 from the Government Press Party, I should like to know whether he applied to the Government for sanction and whether the Government permitted him to draw it ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :— " Yes. He was permitted."

Appointment of P. Kannayya as foreman of the Telugu section of the Government Press.

*758-D Q.—Dr. B S. Mallayya : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether one P. Kannayya, a prominent member of the Government Press Party, has been appointed as foreman of the Telugu section of the Government Press on the recommendation of the Publication Assistant, overlooking the claims of qualified employees ; and

(b) whether one A. Kannayya, the foreman of the Vernacular department, has been doing the work of the said P. Kannayya, such as maintaining registers, distribution of copies, giving instructions to compositors, etc., as the latter can neither read nor write English ?

A.—(a) & (b) Government have no information.

Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—" The answer says that the Government have no information. I should like to know why ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :— " These are all petty appointments which rest in the hands of the Superintendent, Government Press."

Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—" Is it impossible to get the information when a Member of this House wants it, Sir ? "

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The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"I have given the reply already."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I know, in view of the large number of questions and complaints about these matters, whether the hon. the Home Member is not prepared to get information on this point ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"I am getting information as far as I possibly can."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"On this question, may I know whether he will get the information required ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"I do not think I need get the information."

Alleged promotion of one Dravyaswami as foreman of the Type-foundry department, Government Press.

*758-E Q.—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether one Dravyaswami, a prominent member of the Government Press Party and a junior with no technical qualifications, was promoted to the grade of Rs. 60—4—100 as foreman of the Type-foundry department, overlooking the claims of a qualified senior man in the said department ; and

(b) whether he is a relative and friend of the Publication Assistant ?

A.—(a) T. M. Dravyaswami was appointed as foreman, Type-foundry section, on Rs. 60—4—100 from 1st August 1926. He has a thorough practical knowledge of type-casting, stereo and electro-typing, punch-cutting and engraving works and is an intelligent worker. The Government have no information whether he is a member of the Government Press Party.

(b) The Government have no information.

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—"Again in this case also the Government have no information. Is there any use in putting supplementary questions, I should like to know from the hon. the Home Member ?"

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I know whether the hon. the Home Member is aware of the fact that there is a party known as the Government Press Party ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"Yes, I know."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"If he is aware of it, may I know whether he has got a list of the members that belong to the Government Press Party in so far as they are employees of the Government ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"No, Sir."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I know if he is prepared to get such a list ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"I do not think any useful purpose will be served by it."